



Maryland SHIP Health Action Newsletter

Friday, Nov. 30, 2018

Event: Mid-Shore Rural Health Collaborative Meeting



Image: The Maryland state flag.

Wednesday, Dec. 5

In 2018, Senate Bill 1056 created the Rural Health Collaborative (RHC) for five Mid-Shore counties (Talbot, Dorchester, Caroline, Kent, and Queen Anne) to operate as an independent unit under the Maryland Department of Health (MDH). The purpose of the RHC is to improve the access and delivery of health care services in a rural area. Through the development of innovative models and strategies, the RHC will address the integration of clinical and social support services to improve health outcomes for low income and most vulnerable populations. The RHC will host their next meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 5.

For more information about this meeting, [click here](#). Learn more about [Senate Bill 1056 here](#).

Event: 15th Annual Health Equity Conference



Image: The Maryland Department of Health's Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities logo.

Thursday, Dec. 6

As part of Health Equity Week in Maryland, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH)'s Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (MHHD) will soon host the 15th Annual Health Equity Conference. This year's theme will be, "*Achieving Health Equity and Disparity Reduction: Prevention and Cost Savings Initiatives*." Attendees will learn about:

- Innovative health care delivery initiatives in Maryland
- Current efforts addressing chronic disease prevention and management
- Key tools and resources to strengthen community-clinical connections

For more information about this event, [click here](#).

Webinar: Searching for Evidence-based Practices



Image: Photograph of a person typing on a laptop. Text reads, "webinar series."

Tuesday, Dec. 11

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine will soon host the second session in a three-part webinar series. The second session will focus on searching for evidence-based practices. This session will guide attendees to develop effective search strategies in order to find relevant evidence.

Part three will be Tuesday, Jan. 15, and will cover how to evaluate evidence-based practices.

For more information and to register for this webinar, [click here](#).

Resource: Youth E-Cigarette Prevention Campaign



Image: Photograph of a teenage girl wearing a beanie cap. Text reads, "A cost-effective approach to preventing youth cigarette smoking. The real cost."

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has launched a comprehensive effort to educate youth about the dangers of e-cigarettes. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, e-cigarettes have become the most commonly used tobacco product by youth in recent years. *"The Real Cost" Youth E-Cigarette Prevention Campaign* is part of the FDA's ongoing effort to prevent disease and death caused by tobacco use and tells young people that using e-cigarettes puts them at risk for addiction and other health consequences.

To access *"The Real Cost"* resources to use in your organization, [click here](#).

Event: 29th Annual National Leadership Forum



Image: An illustration of a bird singing from a branch. Text reads, "Early Bird Special!"

Monday - Thursday, Feb. 4 - 7, 2019

The Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) will host the 29th Annual National Leadership Forum and this year's theme will be *"Transforming Communities: The Power of Prevention."* This event will also include Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)'s 15th Annual Prevention Day, an event dedicated to increase public awareness and action around mental and/or

substance use disorders. This event will feature training sessions and presentations on topics including:

- Community anti-drug coalitions
- Substance use prevention and advocacy
- Changing landscapes of drug and alcohol prevalence
- Public health and safety

Early bird registration rate is available until Wednesday, Dec. 12.

For more information and to register for this forum, [click here.](#)

Event: National Prescription Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit



Image: The Before It's Too Late logo. Text reads, "Prevention. Treatment. Recovery. Before it's too late. Need help? Call 211, press 1."

Monday - Thursday, April 22 - 25, 2019

Register now for the National Prescription Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit. This summit will gather stakeholders to discuss what is working in drug abuse prevention and treatment. Early bird registration rates

are available. Continuing education credits may also be available.

For more information about this summit, [click here.](#) If you or someone you know is struggling with substance use or addiction, visit the [Before It's Too Late webpage here](#) or [call 211 and press 1.](#)

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